

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

WRIT PETITION (L) NO. 50 OF 2005

Shraddha Papasing Thakur .. Petitioner

V/s

State of Maharashtra & Ors. .. Respondents

AND

WRIT PETITION (L) NO. 67 OF 2005

Chitrakshi Honnaya Amin .. Petitioner

V/s

State of Maharashtra & Ors. .. Respondents

Mr.R.K. Mendadkar with Ms. Helen Koli for the
Petitioners.

Mr.Rajiv Mane, A.G.P. for Respondents Nos.1 to 3.

CORAM : H.L. GOKHALE &
S.C. DHARMADHIKARI, JJ.

DATE : 17TH JANUARY 2005

P.C. :

1. Heard Mr.Mendadkar for the Petitioners.
Mr.Mane, A.G.P. appears for Respondents Nos.1 to 3.

2. Both the Petitioners are admitted to the
Respondent No.4 Engineering College. They are admitted
on reserved seats. They had applied for verification of
their caste claim well in time, but unfortunately their
claim has not been scrutinised as yet. In the

meanwhile, the Respondent No.4 College in each of the two cases has admitted the Petitioners to the course. We are of the view that the Petitioners' caste claim ought to be scrutinised and before that the course which the petitioners have taken should not be disturbed. Mr.Mane states that within about 3 months, the caste claim of the petitioners will be scrutinised.

3. In the circumstances, we direct the Respondent No.2 Committee to scrutinise the caste claim of the Petitioners at the earliest and, in any case, by end of April 2005. The Petitioners' admission in the Respondent No.4 College will not be cancelled in the meanwhile and for a period of 2 weeks after the decision is communicated to the Petitioners in the event the same is adverse to the Petitioners.

4. Both the petitions stand disposed of.

(H.L. GOKHALE, J.)

(S.C. DHARMADHIKARI, J.)